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Via Electronic Mail

December 14, 2018

Ms. Leslie Blake Remedial Project Manager U.S. EPA Region V Superfund Division (SR-6J) 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Reference:

Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana

Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial

Investigation/Feasibility Study,

CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004

November 2018 Monthly Progress Report #055

Dear Ms. Blake:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the November 2018 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Mike Samples, or me, at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,

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Bennie L. Underwood Project Coordinator

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Enclosure

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#### **MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #055**

PROJECT NAME: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

PERIOD COVERED: November 2018

## A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

• In a transmittal dated November 12, 2018, the Gary Development Landfill Site PRP Group (Respondents) provided the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a Revised Final Remedial Investigation (RI) Report. The RI Report was revised in accordance with the Respondents' October 26, 2018 response to EPA comments, dated October 11, 2018, and EPA's subsequent Final Response letter of November 2, 2018.

### **B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS**

With a letter dated November 20, 2018, EPA provided the Respondents with approval of the
revised Addendum to the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP Addendum) for Per- and
Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) sampling, dated October 23, 2018. This work will be
scheduled once EPA has re-established site access for the Respondents.

# C/D.WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS AND SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES / DELIVERABLES

- Receive EPA approval of the revised RI Report, dated November 12, 2018, and upon approval of
  the RI Report, initiate work on the feasibility study. The first step in the feasibility study will be
  developing updated preliminary remedial action objectives.
- Contingent upon Site access being re-stablished by EPA, schedule and perform the PFAS sampling field event.

## E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES

- Pursuant to EPA's request, the Respondents have agreed to sample groundwater for PFAS
  compounds. This activity will be scheduled once Site access is re-established.
- With correspondence dated November 21, 2018, the Respondents were informed by EPA that Ms. Karen Mason-Smith has been assigned as EPA's Interim Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Site. Ms. Mason-Smith will assume RPM responsibilities for the Site starting in January 2019.



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## F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS

The Administrative Warrant providing for Site access expired; therefore, pursuant to EPA
direction all personnel are to refrain from being on-site until an extension of the warrant is
secured by EPA (see October 2018 Monthly Progress Report).

## G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

• None.